THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Targets under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), for Bihar, during the last three years 2000-2001, 1999-2000 and 1998-99 were 21900, 21800 and 20500 cases, respectively.

(b)As reported by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of beneficiaries sanctioned loans under PMRY, in Bihar, during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2001 are 10852, 10382 and 10491, respectively.

Deterioration of Small-Scale Industries

†614. SHRI BAL KAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of the small scale industries is being deteriorated despite Government's claim to the contrary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that red-tapism and new economic policy are being held responsible for this condition; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken by Government to protect the small scale industries from this poor condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question doesn't arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Government has announced a comprehensive policy package to strengthen the small scale sector enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The policy package provides for easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Dereservation of items from SSI List

615. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are yet to notify their decision taken four months earlier to dereserve 14 items from the list of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, details of these 14 items; and

(c) the reasons for delay in issuing the notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As announced in the Union Budget, 2001-2002, Government have issued a Notification S.O. No. 603(E) dated 29th June, 2001 dereserving 14 items from the list of items reserved of exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. The details of these 14 items are given in the Statement *(See* below). The notification has been issued without delay, as per the laid down procedure.

Statement

Dereservation of items from the SSI list

SI. No. (As per Gazette Notification)	Product Code	Name of the product
1	2	3
85	290303	Leather pickers and other leather accessories for textile industry
86	290401	Vegetable tanned hides and skins-semi finished
87	290501	Chrome tanned hides and skins-semi finished
90	290905	Harness leather
91	291101	Leather shoes
101	299005	Leather washers and laces-
107 A	301102009	Moulded rubber soles and heels for footwear (except for captive consumption)

1	2	3
HOT	303842009	Toys excluding electronic toys
141	30390101	Flexible polyurethane foam
142	30390201	Polyurcthane shoe soles
145(4)	303904047	Plastic toys excluding electronic toys
384	340902	Shoe tacks
385	340903	Shoe eyelets
802	389301	Mechanical toys

Contribution of SSI Sector

616. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the impact and contribution of SSI sector in regard to export, industrial production and employment generation;

(b) main features of the policy in this regard;

(c) whether it has been helpful in developing and strengthening the SSI sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) the small scale sector has emerged as a dynamic and vibrant sector of the Indian economy. The sector contributes 39% in the industrial production of the country, 34% in country's exports and provides employment to over 185 lakh persons. The Government have announced on 30th August, 2000 a Comprehensive Policy Package to strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness domestically and globally. The package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. The sector has grown at the rate of 8.09% during 2000-2001 against the growth of 5% registered by industrial sector as a whole.